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SUBJECT: NDP TO HOLD NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SIT-IN

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1. KIM YONG-SAM WASTED NO TIME IN RESUMING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT CAMPAIGN AFTER ENDING ASSEMBLY BOYCOTT UNDER PRESSURE (REFTEL). KIM HELD PRESS CONFERENCE DEC 4 TO ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR SIT-IN AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STARTING DEC 5. KIM CRITICIZED GOVT PARTIES FOR FIRST REQUESTING NDP RETURN TO ASSEMBLY, THEN QUICKLY PASSING BUDGET AND OTHER BILLS AND RECESSING PLENARY SESSION IN ORDER TO PREVENT NDP INTERPELLATIONS. BECAUSE OF GOVERNMENT ACTION KIM TOLD PRESS THAT NDP WOULD STAGE SIT-IN. HE REFUSED TO DISCLOSE DURATION, BUT NDP ASSEMBLYMEN HAVE TOLD US IT COULD LAST UNTIL DEC 11 PLENARY SESSION.

2. ACCORDING TO KIM SIT-IN WILL HIGHLIGHT FOLLOWING NDP DEMANDS:

- RESTORATION DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION

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- IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED POLITICIANS, RELIGIOUS FIGURES, INTELLECTUALS AND STUDENTS.

- OPENING OF CAMPUSES

- ENDING OF OPPRESSION OF PRESS, CHURCH, AND ATTEMPTS TO SPLIT OPPOSITION PARTY.

3. IN ADDITION TO USUAL NDP CRITICISM OF GOVT KIM ASSERTED THAT ALL PEOPLE KNEW CASE OF NATIONAL FEDERATION DEMOCRATIC YOUTH AND STUDENTS (NFDYS) WAS "TRUMPED UP IN MILITARY COURT" AND THAT INDIVIDUALS WERE CONVICTED BY EVIDENCE OBTAINED THROUGH USE OF TORTURE.

4. KIM CRITICIZED ROKG'S JUSTIFICATION OF ITS POLITICAL SYSTEM ASSERTING THAT RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD AND REAFFIRMATION US SECURITY COMMITMENT MADE IT CLEAR THAT NORTH KOREA WAS IN NO POSITION TO ATTACK SOUTH. THUS ROKG HAD NO JUSTIFICATION TO "CONTINUE DICTATORSHIP."

5. KIM PLEDGED TO ACCELERATE FIGHT FOR CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE NOT ONLY INSIDE ROK BUT AMONG KOREANS ABROAD. KIM CALLED ON NDP MEMBERS FOR FIGHTING SPIRIT AND WARNED THEM AGAINST "INTELLIGENCE POLITICS" ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY PARTY UNITY.
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